



STRETCH . . . Elaine Tillman, left, stretches to reach the tree-top with its crowning glory, a lighted star, while Ruth Halsey adds the last bright ball to its branches. Elaine, one of the princesses for the El Camino College Homecoming celebration, and Ruth, decoration chairman for tomorrow night's dance, are adorning the tree to add a spot of color in the Campus Center entry hall. The girls also will decorate a huge white tree with all red ornaments; this will be the center of attention in the Campus Center proper during the evening festivities. Also on the committee is Pat Mellem.

STUDENTS SLATE HOLIDAY DANCES

Like their elders, the younger set in this area is busy with preparations for Christmas festivities. On both the Torrance High School and El Camino College agendas are Yule dances.

Torrance High School students will hold their holiday ball next Saturday night, Dec. 20, at the Civic Auditorium, to be made colorful with Yuletide decor for the occasion. Affair will be in full swing from 8:30 p.m. to 12 midnight. A mystery band, the name of which will not be revealed until doors open Saturday night, will provide dance rhythms. The ball is sponsored by the City Recreation Department with a teenage director, Miss Doris Avis, in charge.

This will be the second holiday dance to be enjoyed by the high school crowd. First affair was the "Star Ball" held Dec. 6 at the Civic Auditorium under the sponsorship of the Girls' Athletic Association and the Varsity Club.

El Camino College students will herald the arrival of the Christmas season tomorrow night with their annual Christmas Ball, to be held at the Campus Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Joan King of Torrance, commissioner of activities, said decorations for the event would focus attention on a Christmas tree decorated by student volunteers. Sprigs of mistletoe, red holly berries, and cuttings from poinsettia will add to the color of the occasion.

Decorations are in charge of Ruth Halsey of Inglewood. Music for the ball, which is traditionally attended by most faculty members as well as the student body, will be provided by Don Stewer's orchestra, Miss King said. Dress is to be formal for the women and dark suits for the men. A punch bowl and light refreshments are also planned, Miss King said.

Other students assisting in preparations for the event are Charla Standage of Torrance, publicity; Diana Toomsy of Redondo Beach, programs; Glenda Fly of Hermosa Beach, bids.

Faculty advisors are Hamilton Maddaford, assistant director of student personnel for men, and Mary Hancock, assistant director of student personnel for women.

TORRANCE HIGH PTA TO AID BUDGET WITH JANUARY BREAKFAST

Plans for a gala invitational breakfast, to be held in January, highlighted the December meeting of the Torrance High School executive board meeting.

Mrs. A. B. Cowie, ways and means chairman, proposed the breakfast as a fund-raising activity following her report on the net profits of the football concession, which disclosed that additional funds would be needed to meet the PTA budget requirements.

She announced a concession profit of \$552.65, \$276.33 of which was allocated to the school student council.

Twenty-five dollars previously appropriated for Christmas food baskets for needy families was donated to the Torrance Dental Clinic fund following an announcement by Mesdames V. Caldwell, school nurse, and Lee Flanagan, health and welfare chairman, that no needy families had been called to their attention.

Food baskets will be provided if needed, however, the board decided.

Mrs. E. S. Moon, membership chairman, reported a membership of 343, including 33 teachers secured through the efforts of Martin Wang, teacher membership chairman.

Next meeting of the association, to be held Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m., in the library, will feature a panel discussion, with foreign exchange students participating.

Panel topic will be "Family Life Around the World."

Nonpartisan speakers and teachers will receive special recognition, and sophomore mothers will serve as hostesses.

Local Woman is Elected To Harbor Campfire Post

Mrs. Orville Barnard will serve as secretary for the Harbor Area Campfire Leaders' Association in 1953.

The Torrance woman was elected with Mesdames Lila Stevenson of Alondra Park, chairman, and Leonard McDade of Gardena, vice-chairman, at last week's Wednesday Association meeting, held at Ding How Restaurant.

The new leaders will be installed in January.

IT'S A BOY!

"It's a boy!" was all Win Bowles, city editor of the Torrance Herald, could say Tuesday afternoon as he passed around cigars and candy at the Herald office to announce the arrival of a baby.

The baby was born at 1:21 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles live at 1646 W. 216th St.

Mrs. Raymond Harker Plans Visit to Texas

Mrs. Raymond Harker, who has been residing with her daughter, Mrs. James Fornelli, 22911 Narbonne Ave., was the guest of honor at several farewell parties this week as she prepared to leave for Houston, Tex., to join her son and family.

Her husband will join her in the Southern city for the Christmas holidays.

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AT THE HELM . . . Mrs. Ray Flagg, center, wearing the corsage presented to her at last Friday night's joint Firemen's Association and Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Department installation dinner, will be at the Auxiliary helm during 1953. Installed with her were, left to right, Mesdames Don Davis, treasurer; Bill Russell, first vice-president; Walter West, second vice-president; and Don Minor, secretary.

Juniors Attend Harbor PTA District Meet

Junior membership of the Los Angeles District Federation of Women's Clubs honored seniors, advisors, and past presidents last Monday at the Tuesday Afternoon clubhouse in Glendale.

Among representatives of the 62 clubs in the district who attended were Mesdames Douglas Baldwin and Warren Perry, president and federation coordinator of Torrance Junior Women's Club, respectively; Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, senior club president; and Mesdames Carl Steele and B. T. Whitney, senior members who are advisors to the local juniors this year.

Included on the agenda were reports of District welfare projects.

At a recent conference, a collection of \$52 to purchase stamps and albums for permanent hospitalized veterans was made. All clubs also participated in baking 500 boxes of cookies to be flown to isolated Army encampments here and in Korea.

Xmas Carols Theme PTA Show Tonight

"Living Portraits of the Christmas Carol" will take the center of the stage tonight at the Normandie Recreation Center when the Halldale Ave. PTA sponsors its annual Christmas program.

There will be two performances of the show, which is under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Hough.

First showing, at 6:30 o'clock, will be for kindergartens through third grade children. Fourth through sixth grade students will attend an 8:15 o'clock showing. All children must be accompanied by their parents, Mrs. R. J. Lampton, publicity chairman, said.

Music for the program will be provided by the Halldale School chorus, with Mrs. Adams as director. The Mothersingers also will entertain.

Santa Visits 186th School Tomorrow

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will visit 186th St. School tomorrow to distribute Christmas treats to the children.

Plans for the visit were completed by executive board members of the school PTA at last Wednesday's luncheon meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Claud Hill, president.

Leaders also waxed civic-minded and got a touch of "spring fever" at the meet.

They voted to sponsor a Bluebird group, appointing Mrs. Cecil Shull to lead Hammetton Tract girls and Mrs. Long to lead the group around the school.

Chairmen also were appointed for the annual Spring Carnival, to be held next March 17. Directors of various booths named were Mesdames Floyd Beech, games; Frank Nelson, handicraft; Bill Rose, food; David Wood, homemade candy; Harold Sprinkle, parcel post; and Ronald Powell, white elephant.

Other committee appointments included the selection of Mrs. W. D. Earley as life membership chairman.

Firefighters' Rites Sparked By Yule Decor

Spirit of Christmas came to the fire station on Clavens Ave. last Friday night when the Firemen's Association and newly-formed Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Department held a joint installation dinner.

Pine boughs and holly berries centered the tables, and miniature red fire helmets indicated seating arrangement for the 67 guests.

Mayor M. M. Schwab offered the dinner blessing, while Frank Tuttle, outgoing association president, conducted installation ceremonies.

Installed were Messrs. and Mesdames Ray Flagg and Bill Russell, presidents and vice-presidents of Association and auxiliary, respectively; Jay Nielsen, Association secretary-treasurer; and Mesdames Walter West, second vice-president; Don Minor, secretary; and Don Davis, treasurer of the Auxiliary.

Included on the guest list were Fire Chief and Mrs. J. J. Benner; City Council members Messrs. and Mesdames Nick Draie, Vic Benstead, H. V. Spellman, and Willys Blount; and Assistant Director of Civil Defense Mr. and Mrs. George Powell.

Harbor PTA Raises Funds For Brownies

Mrs. Ray Groover, president of Harbor City PTA, and Mrs. Warren Hoyt shared hostess honors Wednesday of last week at a "kidnap breakfast" held at the Hoyt Rolling Hills residence to raise funds for the PTA-sponsored Brownie Troop No. 315.

Attending the affair were Mesdames Helen Bench, Irene Meak, Elsie Burlingame, Myra Pycatte, Lida Morris, Edith Wiloughby.

Arlene Butler, Natalie Hartman, Margaret Eggers, Betty McIntire, Onida Deatherage, Richard Rosendal, Dorothy Weeks, Louise Van See, Gene Marlowe, Frances Easton, Gwen Pruet, Mary Bloomer, Pearl Colium, Dorothy Van Buren, Jean Cook, Lillian Rohar, Judy Sierra, Rosie McGuire, Marge Smittle, Eloide Grubbs, Kathryn Bourland, Doris Sedan, Ruth Kilpatrick, Rita Lelno.

Maggie Travers, Jean Riggs, Bella Fernandez, Gertrude Cheek, Dorothy Alexander, Groover, William Tregarthen, Hoyt; and Mr. Winston Scott, Harbor City School principal.

The Brownies now are making Christmas gifts and are planning a "cook-out" for Christmas week.

TOYS COME TO LIFE IN PARK SHOW

Christmas festivities will hit a new high at Alondra Park this year when a cast of 60 children from surrounding communities presents "Toyland" next Monday afternoon, 2 o'clock, at the Park Community Bldg.

During the action of the show, clowns, clocks, story-book dolls, and puppets in Santa's Toyshop will be brought to life by the magic wand of the Christmas Fairy.

This will be the third presentation of the musical fantasy, sponsored by the Alondra Park Recreation Council. Program is presented under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Following the business session, to be opened by Worthy Patron Thomas Foster and conducted by Worthy Matron Joan Pierce, members will exchange gifts.

Chairman for the social hour in the banquet hall is Myrtle Clayton.

Eastern Star Observes Yule Time Tonight

Fun and good fellowship in keeping with the holiday season will be on the agenda at tonight's 8 o'clock meeting of Torrance Chapter No. 380. Order of the Eastern Star, to be held at the Masonic Temple on Sartori Ave.

Following the business session, to be opened by Worthy Patron Thomas Foster and conducted by Worthy Matron Joan Pierce, members will exchange gifts.

Chairman for the social hour in the banquet hall is Myrtle Clayton.

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PTA HOLDS YULE FETE

Miniature snow queens and Christmas greenery decorated tables at the Community House in Dominguez last Friday morning when 88 members of the Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA were entertained at a breakfast hosted by members of the Dominguez PTA.

Following the breakfast, guests drew gaily-wrapped gifts from a "chimney."

At the business session, Mrs. James A. Gauley, council president, presented a parchment award to each principal of the 14 elementary schools of Gardena Wilmington Council for having attained 100 per cent teacher membership in the recent drive.

Total membership of the group is 1031.

Highlighting the musical program was "The Christmas Story," with living pictures, presented by students of Dominguez School, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Lien. Narrators were Beverly Karpinsky and Virginia Gates.

Selections of Christmas songs also were presented by the Dominguez boys' chorus.